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Torquay Riparian Authority REPORT 1966

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PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, 1966

As directed by Regulation 12 (4) of the Public Health Officers (Port Health Districts) Regulations 1959, the following report is the record of Port Health Administration for the year 1966, detailed in form and sequence in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Form Port 20, originally sent with Circular 33/52.

Following the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952 to 1963 the form and scope of this report were revised, and full details are only required every five years; the last quinquennial report was for 1965, and the intermediate years will be covered by a shorter report. In the year under review certain sections, marked with an asterisk, are therefore omitted as there has been no change to record; but the sectional headings are retained to ensure continuity.

* SECTION 1 – STAFF

TABLE A NO CHANGE

SECTION II – AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

<i>Ships from</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Tonnage</i>	<i>Number Inspected</i>		<i>Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board</i>
			<i>By the Medical Officer of Health</i>	<i>By the Public Health Inspector</i>	
Foreign Ports	—	—	—	—	—
Coastwise	15	515	—	2	—
TOTAL	15	515	—	2	—

In addition, local fishing and sailing vessels made 320 visits (total tonnage, 3,837 to the harbour and frequent inspections of these have been made. 240 tons of fish were examined during the year.

SECTION III – CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	<div> <div>Number of passengers INWARDS</div> <div>Number of passengers OUTWARDS</div> </div>	NIL
CARGO TRAFFIC	<div> <div>Principal IMPORTS</div> <div>Principal EXPORTS</div> </div>	NIL

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrived in 1966—

Caen, Brest, Cherbourg, Le Havre, St. Peter Port, and general coastwise.

SECTION IV – INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic in the area.

* SECTION V – WATER SUPPLY

(1) *Source of supply for (a) the District, and (b) Shipping.*

NO CHANGE

(2) *Reports of Tests for Contamination.*

Samples are taken every week from the service reservoirs in the town, and additional samples are taken from taps in various places, and from the standpipes at the harbour.

Analysis of drinking water taken from Dock area:

During the year 9 samples of drinking water were taken from the harbour area and were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter, for bacteriological examination; on analysis, the samples were found as follows:

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of samples taken	Number of presumptive coliform organisms per 100 ml.				Faecal Coli present	Number of samples unsatisfactory	Number of samples satisfactory
	Less than 1	1–2	3–10	More than 10			
12	9	3	—	—	—	3	9

(3) *Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes*

These are flushed prior to use and inspected regularly by the Public Health Inspector.

- (4) *Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.*

There are no water boats.

SECTION VI PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1963 NO CHANGE

SECTION VII – SMALLPOX

- (1) *Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.*

During 1964, the recommendation of the Regional Hospital Board that Upton Pyne Smallpox Hospital should be closed, was approved by the Ministry of Health.

In future, the first-line reception hospital for cases from the counties of Devon and Cornwall will be the Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall (Telephone Liskeard 2385). This hospital is staffed from the Scott Isolation Hospital, Plymouth (Telephone Plymouth 51437). Resident Physician: Dr. D. F. Johnstone.

Should additional accommodation be required, Lee Mill Smallpox Hospital, near Plympton, is designated as a second-line hospital.

- (2) *Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.*

The ambulance is arranged by a telephone message to the Plymouth City Ambulance Service (Telephone Plymouth 64101). All members of the crew are fully vaccinated.

- (3) *Name of Smallpox Consultants available:*

SOUTH WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL AREA – No. 10

<i>District</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Hospital, Office or Surgery Telephone No.</i>	<i>Home Telephone No.</i>
Whole area ..	Dr. W. H. St. John-Brooke	West Cornwall Hospital, PENZANCE, Cornwall	Penzance 2382	Cockwells 356
City and County of Bristol, Glos., Somerset, Wilts.	Dr. J. Macrae	Ham Green Hospital, Pill, BRISTOL	Pill 2661	Nailsea 81
Ditto	Dr. H. R. Cayton	Public Health Laboratory, Canyng Hall, Whatley Road, BRISTOL 8	Bristol 32857	Bristol 628059
Devon (East) ..	Dr. E. J. G. Wallace	Health Centre, Westham Road, WEYMOUTH, Dorset	Weymouth 1645 and 16	Weymouth 1513
Gloucestershire ..	Dr. R. M. Humphreys	The Red House, Painswick, near STROUD, Glos.	—	Painswick 2345

(4) *Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.*

Specimens for Laboratory diagnosis are sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory (Virus Reference), Colindale Avenue, The Hyde, N.W.9.

*** SECTION VIII – VENEREAL DISEASE**

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

Facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among seamen are available at the Torbay Hospital, Torquay, at the following times :

Every Thursday	6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. (Special Clinic)
Daily	9 a.m. (Out-Patients Clinic)

In-patient treatment is given at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter.

Leaflets giving details of these facilities are available at the Harbour.

**SECTION IX – CASES OF NOTIFIABLE
AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS**

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	—	—	—	—
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	—	—	—	—
Cases landed from other ports	—	—	—	—

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

NIL

**SECTION X – OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE
OF MALARIA IN SHIPS
NIL**

**SECTION XI – MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS
INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE
NIL**

**SECTION XII – MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS
IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS**

(1) *Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.*

Enquiries are made by the Public Health Inspector from all Masters of vessels using the Port concerning the presence of rats and, if present, of signs of unusual mortality among the rats. Owing to the small size of the vessels, and of the nature of the cargo carried, it is uncommon to find any evidence of rat infestation.

Systematic inspections are made of the ships and quays with special reference to the presence of rat runs, excreta, damage to foodstuffs, etc.

(2) *Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.*

The examinations, if required, at any time will be made through the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter.

None has so far been required.

(3) *Arrangements in the District for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.*

Any ship requiring deratting is referred to Plymouth for the necessary measures, and the next port of call of the vessel is notified.

(4) *Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.*

This has not been required owing to the limited nature of shipping entering the port.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

NIL

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

This table does not apply as Torquay is not an approved port under Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

<i>Nature and Number of Inspections</i>		<i>Notices Served</i>		<i>Result of Serving Notices</i>
		<i>Statutory Notices</i>	<i>Other Notices</i>	
General ...	2	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	2	—	—	—

* SECTION XIV – PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

Information respecting any Shellfish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.

NO CHANGE


* SECTION XV – MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens)

Medical Examination of Aliens under the Aliens Order, 1953
Instructions to Medical Inspectors, 1955

THIS SERVICE WAS NOT REQUIRED DURING 1966

* SECTION XVI – MISCELLANEOUS

Nil.



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